## Campaign to Save Wadi Foquin



The Friends of Wadi Foquin is requesting the Lantos Human Rights Commission to schedule a hearing on the human rights violations taking place in the village of Wadi Foquin, located in the Bethlehem District of the Occupied Palestinian Territories.



**Wadi Foquin** is a Palestinian village located in the Bethlehem District of the West Bank, Occupied Palesitnian Territories. The village and its population of 1,200 live under Israeli military control. The villagers have been victims of human rights violations, which impact daily life, and jeopardize thier future survival.

## Human Rights Violations include:



Land Confiscation and Displacement: Land has been illegally confiscated for the building of the settlement of Betar Illit and the building of the separation wall. The settlement is illegal according to the 4th Geneva Convention. The separation wall has been ruled illegal by the International Court of Justice.



Damaged Water Supply: Potable water supply is controlled by the Israeli government —the village receives a small percentage of water available to them; natural springs have been part of natural irrigation system for centuries but are now drying up due to limestone runoff from settlements which harden the soil.



Food Supply and Farm Production: Agricultural produce which is the source of natural food supply and means of income has been damaged due to the runoff of raw sewage and construction debris from the settlement.



Transportation Inequality & Freedom of Movement: Israeli only bypass roads have been constructed for access to settlements but are prohibited for use by Palestinians. Road improvements within municipal boundaries of Wadi Foquin have been interrupted and/or prohibited by the Israeli military, restricting access to jobs, educational institutions, and healthcare facilities.

Friends of Wadi Foquin is a partnership with the village, initiated by United Methodist congregations. \*For more info., contact: friendsofwadifoquin@gmail.com

The Campaign to Save Wadi Foquin has been endorsed by the Cal-Nevada Conference UMW, Friends of Sabeel North America, Friends of Sabeel Northern California, US Campaign to End the Occupation, United Methodist Kairos Response, Palestine Christian Alliance, American Jews for Justice, and American Friends Service Committee Northern California.